As a Flight Attendant, I am against allowing passengers to use cel phone's during flight, and especially during our PA's! If a pax is using his/her cel phone during any of the FAA required PA's, then they are not only not paying attention to the information, they will also be keeping other pax's from receiving important information because of their constant chatter. It also keep's pax's from listening to us when we are trying to get them to comply to regulation's. They believe that their conversation is much more important. Our authority would be taken less seriously. We would become not just babysitter's, but ignored babysitter's. This has the potential to create aggressive situations for the flight attendant, that could have otherwise been prevented.

Even though cel phones themselves have not been proven to be unsafe in flight, this does not meen that they will not be unsafe in an immediate situation that would require everyone's full attention!

The best preparation for a safe environment, is to think of all potential situations, and prevent!